

Attachment 4

Quail Ridge Reserve
Memorandum of Understanding

I. Purpose

The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a cooperative relationship between the University of California, herein called "University," the Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy, herein called "Conservancy," the Napa County Land Trust, herein called "Trust," the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, herein called "Bureau," the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, herein called "Reclamation," the California Department of Fish and Game, herein called "Department," and the Wildlife Conservation Board for management of lands on the Quail Ridge peninsula of Lake Berryessa in Napa County as part of the University's Natural Reserve System. (Exhibit I)

II. Background

Quail Ridge is an approximately 3,000 acre peninsula of minimally impacted native California oak woodland, chaparral, and grassland extending into Lake Berryessa. The area has considerable wildlife and habitat value, and would provide excellent research and educational opportunities. A group of interested citizens has formed the Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy for the purpose of protecting the peninsula and developing an ecological reserve. To this end, the Conservancy has built alliances with other groups and agencies who might assist in achieving these goals. The Conservancy has acquired title to some of the private holdings on the peninsula, and holds purchase options on others. Other land owners on the peninsula include: Bureau, Department, through the Wildlife Conservation Board, Reclamation, and several private parties. The Department has expressed an interest in acquiring several of the privately held parcels using Proposition 70 funds.

All of the parties to this memorandum of understanding have expressed the desire for the University incorporate Conservancy's property into its Natural Reserve System and undertake, through the Davis Campus, its management. Proposed activities at the reserve would include: 1) preservation and conservation of California native flora and fauna, 2) habitat restoration and management, 3) research and instruction activities, and 4) public education and controlled public access.

III. Planned Actions

In order to establish an ecological reserve that includes lands owned by each of the parties and assure that it is managed according to the joint needs and desires of all the parties, the following actions will occur:

A. The University will initiate the process to obtain Regent's approval to incorporate holdings of the Conservancy into its Natural Reserve System. If approval is obtained, the University will assume responsibility for management of the reserve, appoint a management committee that includes representation from the Conservancy, develop a management plan with appropriate consultation and approvals, provide financial and other resources needed to properly manage the reserve, and actively seek funds to acquire inholdings within the peninsula.

B. University and Conservancy will execute an agreement that will designate the University as manager of Conservancy lands within the peninsula and will turn over any such lands to University in the event the Conservancy dissolves. The agreement will provide for Conservancy to participate in the development of the management plan and maintain an active role in the management of the reserve through membership on an advisory committee and other community oriented activities at the reserve such as docent tours, community educational activities, and other activities as agreed upon. Conservancy will continue to maintain good relationships with private land owners within the reserve and promote the concept of an ecological reserve on the peninsula.

C. Trust holds conservation easements on certain privately owned property within the proposed boundaries of the reserve. University and Trust will execute an agreement that guarantees that those easements will either be maintained or transferred to the University.

D. Bureau will initiate the process to designate United States land administered by Bureau and not withdrawn for Solano Project purposes as an Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC) in their Resource Management Plan process. University and Bureau will execute a long term use and management agreement that will designate the University as manager of Bureau property located on the peninsula subject to Bureau approval of the management plan for its portion of the land within the reserve.

E. Department through the Wildlife Conservation Board will attempt to acquire selected private holdings in the peninsula and will designate those lands as an Ecological Reserve. The University and Department will execute a long term use and management agreement that will designate the University as manager of the Department property located on the peninsula subject to Department approval of the management plan for its portion of the land within the reserve. Department will participate in management of the Reserve through membership on an advisory committee.

F. Reclamation will execute a long term use and management agreement with University to designate University as manager of United States land administered by Reclamation located on the peninsula subject to Reclamation approval of the management plan for its portion of the land within the reserve but with the knowledge and understanding that Reclamation will continue to maintain its radio relay station located on the peninsula.

IV. Special Considerations

The provisions in this memorandum will be supplemented by individual agreements executed between the University and the individual parties to this agreement. The intent of this Memorandum of Understanding will be included in those agreements.

Whenever notice is required or provided for herein, it shall be given in writing by first class U.S. mail, sent to the following addresses or to such other addresses as any party may so notify the others from time to time:

University of California
Natural Reserve System
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Yountville, Ca 94599

U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Lake Berryessa Recreation Office
P.O. Box 9332
Napa, Ca 94558

Wildlife Conservation Board
1416 9th Street
Sacramento, Ca 95814

Quail Ridge Wilderness Conservancy
25344 County Road 95
Davis, Ca 95616-9735

U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Ukiah District Office
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Ukiah, Ca 95482

Cal. Department of Fish & Game
P.O. Box 47
Yountville, Ca 94599

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V. Signatures

Carl Deane 11/22/91
University of California
Natural Reserve System Date

Harold B. Kelly 11/22/91
Quail Ridge Wilderness Cons. Date

Sam E. Kelly 11/22/91
Madera County Land Trust Date

Ad. Winkler 11/22/91
U.S. Bureau of Land Management Date

John O. Malita 11/22/91
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Date

Brian Hunter 11/22/91
Cal. Department of Fish & Game Date

W. John Schmitt 11/22/91
Wildlife Conservation Board Date

Theodore H. Haller
University of California, Davis Date

EXHIBIT A
to Cooperative Agreement



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

among

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, NATURAL RESERVE SYSTEM

THE QUAIL RIDGE WILDERNESS CONSERVANCY

THE NAPA COUNTY LAND TRUST

THE U.S. BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

THE U.S. BUREAU OF RECLAMATION

THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION BOARD

and

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, DAVIS

Exhibit B to Cooperative Agreement

